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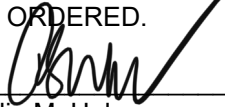
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**BY ECF**

The Honorable Philip M. Halpern  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

Application granted. Defendant Nicholas and his counsel are excused from appearing at the status conference scheduled for 11/18/2020. The status conference will proceed with respect to defendant Cummings.

SO ORDERED.

  
Philip M. Halpern  
United States District Judge

Dated: New York, New York  
November 13, 2020

**Re: *United States v. Michael Nicholas, 20 Cr. 224 (PMH)***

Dear Judge Halpern:

The parties write jointly to update the Court of the status in this matter. At last pre-trial conference in this case, the parties represented that an agreement in principle had been reached. Since that time, counsel for defendant Michael Nicholas and the Government have ironed out remaining issues. The parties expect to reach out to the Court in the near future about setting a date for a plea in this matter. Given that the Mr. Nicholas expects to resolve the case—and ask the Court for a plea date in the near future—the parties respectfully request that Mr. Nicholas and his counsel be excused from appearing at the status conference set for November 18, 2020.

The parties are happy to answer any other questions the Court may have on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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